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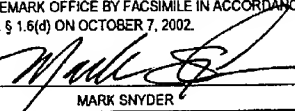
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3636
 Christopher John Marshall) Examiner: Sarah C. Burnham
 Serial No.: 09/932,671) RESPONSE - ELECTION OF SPECIES
 Filed: August 17, 2001) 35 U.S.C. § 121
 Atty. File No.: 2001-01) 37 C.F.R. § 1.146
 For: "AUTOMOBILE SEAT PROTECTOR"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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The Examiner's Election/Restriction Requirement
 Under 35 U.S.C. § 121

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The Examiner states that the present application includes
 claims to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention,
 namely: Group 1, Figure 1; Group 2, Figure 3; Group 3, Figure 4;
 Group 4, Figure 6; Group 5, Figure 8; Group 6, Figure 9; Group 7,
 Figure 10; Group 8, Figure 12; Group 9, Figure 13; Group 10, Figure
 15; Group 11, Figure 16; Group 12, Figure 20; Group 13, Figure 21;
 Group 14, Figure 22; and Group 15, Figure 23. The Examiner states
 that the Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a
 single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the
 claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to
 be allowable.

Applicant is also advised by the Examiner that a reply to the requirement for election must include an identification of the species that is elected, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.

Applicant hereby elects the species in Group 1, Figure 1, of the claimed invention for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. It is respectfully submitted that the following presently existing claims are readable on the elected species in Group 1, Figure 1: Claim 1, Claims 3-6, Claim 9, Claims 11-14, and Claims 17-19. There are no subsequently added claims.

Applicant understands that the remaining claims, namely Claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16, and 20, will likely be withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner as being directed to a non-elected invention.

It is believed that all of the issues raised by the Examiner in the September 6, 2002 Office Action are addressed herein. Based upon the foregoing, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested.

It is further believed that no fees are due for filing this Response.

In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (760) 720-1155.

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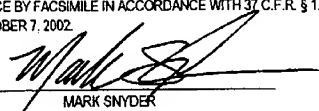
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- 1) Response – Election of Species (3 pages).

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